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AGES AGO... THE GOLDEN
REALM OF OSH-TEKK WAS
RULED BY PROUD WARRIORS.

HELMED BY MY FATHER,
KOTAL K'ETZ... WE
CONQUERED ALL ENEMIES,

GROWING SO WEALTHY
AND POWERFUL... WE
FORGOT THE MEANING
OF 'DEFEAT'...



...UNTIL THE DAY WE
MET SHAO KAHN,
EMPEROR OF
OUTWORLD...

...AND HIS CHAMPION
GORO, PRINCE
OF SHOKAN.

I THOUGHT
MY FATHER
A COWARD
THAT DAY...


IN RECOGNITION
OF YOUR OBEDIENCE
AND SERVICE TO ME,
YOU MAY *KEEP* YOUR
TREASURE.



YOU SACRIFICED
OUR PEOPLE'S
DIGNITY... FOR A
GEM?

IT IS
NOT A
GEM...





...IT IS A **PORTAL STONE**. IT IS TIME FOR YOU
TO FULFILL THE RITE OF **REALMWALK**. SURVIVE
THE HARSH EARTHREALM ATMOSPHERE...
AND YOU INHERIT MY HELM.



WHAT GOOD IS YOUR
HELM? YOU JUST
RELINQUISHED IT TO A
CONQUEROR.



IF YOU'LL
HEAR NO OTHER
ADVICE, HEAR THIS:
THE PEOPLE OF
EARTH ARE LOOKED
IN **ETERNAL**
WAR.

YOU
ARE **NOT**
READY TO
JOIN THEIR
FIGHT.

*SURVIVING IN
EARTHREALM
WAS DAUNTING.*



*WHEN MY LEGS WOULD GO NO
FURTHER, I REFLECTED ON MY FATHER'S
WORDS: 'YOU ARE NOT READY.'*



*PERHAPS HE WAS NOT
WARNING ME... BUT
CHALLENGING ME TO
CONQUER THIS PLACE.*

*I JOURNEYED UNTIL I REACHED
A LAND THAT REMINDED
ME OF HOME...THE AMAZON.*

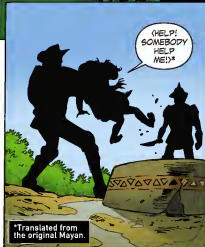


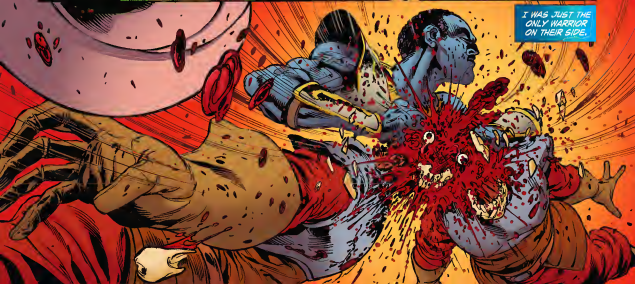
THIS TRIBE STOOD NO
CHANCE AGAINST AN
OSH-TEKK WARRIOR.
I KNEW AT A GLANCE.



AS DID
THEY.



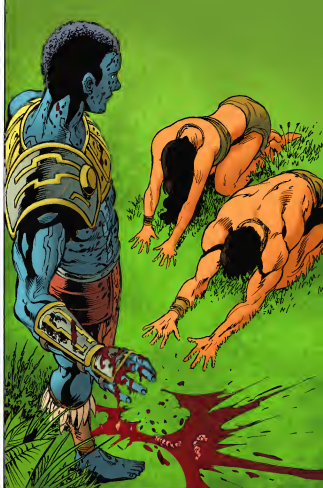




I REFLECTED
ON MY MISSION...



WHAT IF I WASN'T HERE TO
CONQUER... BUT TO SAVE
THIS TRIBE, AS MY FATHER
COULD NOT SAVE OURS?





MY FATHER HAD SPOKEN TRUE:
WAR WAS CONSTANT FOR THE TRIBE.
AGAINST THEIR OWN NEIGHBORS...



...AND AGAINST THE
MEN FROM THE SEA.

FORGED BY BATTLE,
I BECAME MORE THAN
A WARRIOR.



I WAS
A GOD.



I TAUGHT THE TRIBE TO CONQUER THEIR FOES IN THE OSH-TEKK WAY.



IN EXCHANGE, THEY GAVE ME A
NEW NAME: BULUC, THE WAR GOD.

BUT AS THEIR ENEMIES
DWINDED, I GREW
RESTLESS. I ELECTED TO
RETURN TO OUTWORLD...



...EXPECTING MY
FATHER'S PRIDE.





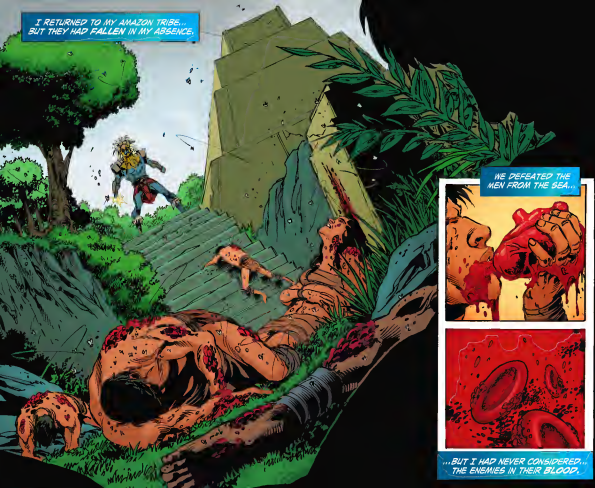
YOU HAVE GROWN STRONGER. YET YOU DISAPPOINT.

DISAPPOINT WHO, FATHER? I PROTECTED THE WEAK...

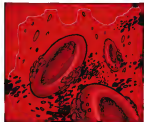
AND YOU HAVE DOOMED THEM! YOU ARE BLIND TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS. RETURN THE PORTAL STONE TO ME--



I RETURNED TO MY AMAZON TRIBE...
BUT THEY HAD FALLEN IN MY ABSENCE.



WE DEFEATED THE
MEN FROM THE SEA...



...BUT I HAD NEVER CONSIDERED...
THE ENEMIES IN THEIR BLOOD.

Z'UNKAHRAH:
OUTWORLD.

TODAY.

THAT WAS
LONG BEFORE SHAO
KAHN DIED AND THE MAD
EMPRESS, MILEENA, DROVE
OUTWORLD TO THE BRINK
OF DISASTER.

BEFORE I
DEPOSED THAT
ILLEGITIMATE
CLONE TO RESTORE
THE REALM.

OVER
THE PAST DECADE...
WE HAVE DRIVEN MILEENA'S
FORCES *DEEP UNDER-*
GROUND. HER THREAT TO
OUR EMPIRE IS SO REDUCED...
WE BARELY SENSE IT. WE
MAY EVEN FORGET SHE'S
THERE.

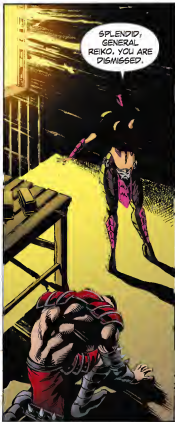


THE GOLDEN DESERT.



"THE RED DRAGON
HAVE AGREED TO
MY--*OUR* PLAN,
EMPRESS."

SPLENDID,
GENERAL
REIKO, YOU ARE
DISMISSED.



WE HAVE EVERYTHING
WE NEED. EVERY-
THING BUT YOU.



WHAT DO YOU SAY,
MY PRINCE? WILL
YOU JOIN ME?





WILL GORO
TAKE REVENGE
AGAINST THE
USURPER?

VERY WELL,
MILEENA. YOU WILL
RESTORE THE SHOKAN
TO OUR FORMER
GLORY...

...AND IN
RETURN, I WILL
FINISH KOTAL
KAHN.



NEXT: **OUTWORLD AT WAR**



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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

